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SUBJECT: SCI Security Policy Manual

1. We support the statement of need for a national level document establishing those elements of SCI policy which are clearly cross-organizational in scope. As we envision it, it would serve as the general umbrella under which specific program, product oriented and detailed implementation directives would be prepared, and from which they would derive their authorities. Ideally, it should be a relatively small single document which would be general enough to give all subordinate documents perspective but which would avoid a mass of useless detail more rightfully belonging in the guidance from the individual agencies and departments.

2. Such a manual would serve the purpose of tying together the common policy origins of the presently separate guidance for SCI. Thus, it would be more a statement of authority and policy than a convenience, consolidation of detailed direction or uniform standard.

3. Because of the cross-agency nature of the publication, it should be prepared by a national level organization. Presumably either the CoComp or the SECOM could be the sponsoring agency. If CoComp is expected to dissolve, the SECOM would be the better choice, given that even for a short statement of national policy, the haggling could be protracted.

4. The basis for the guidance should be from those manuals and directives most concerned with national security questions. Several DCID's dealing with security policies and those DCID's and NSCID's giving responsibilities to the DCI and Committees would be good places to start. Additionally, the broad guidance in this document and the more detailed intermediate guidance in the Imagery and Signals Intelligence Security Regulations should be consistent. In practice, this may mean working backwards from the "product" manuals, while consciously avoiding the potential problem of arriving at a "least common denominator" national guidance.

5. There would probably not be enough detail in the guidance under this concept to warrant a formal manual, and a simple NFIB policy statement seems to lack sufficient detail or authority (especially if the NFIB is to be construed only as an advisory body). The publication of an NSCID or DCID seems a workable compromise.

6. The guidance should spell out the relative responsibilities of the DCI, the DCI staff, the Committees and the agencies and departments in the establishment of the levels of guidance and in the responsibilities for their execution. Where necessary, common detail, such as the 4C project, should be described. Beyond this, the detail should be left exclusively to the intermediate "product" manuals and the specific program manuals.



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